

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01726-TNM**

CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING et al v.  
 DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/13/2019  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
 Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: Federal Question

**Plaintiff**

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**Plaintiff**

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V.

**Defendant**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/13/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6186635) filed by CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, Matthew Smith. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Exhibit 1 to 3 to complaint)(Clopper, John) (Attachment 1 replaced on 6/14/2019) (zef, ). (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (Clopper, John) (Main Document 2 replaced on 6/14/2019) (zef, ). (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/14/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (zef, ) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/14/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/14/2019	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER Establishing Procedures for Cases Before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are hereby ORDERED to read and comply with the directives in the attached standing order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 06/14/2019. (lctnm2) (Entered: 06/14/2019)

06/26/2019	<u>5</u>	AFFIDAVIT of Mailing of Summons and Complaint to U.S. Department of State by CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, MATTHEW SMITH. (Clopper, John) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/26/2019	<u>6</u>	AFFIDAVIT of Mailing of Summons and Complaint to U.S. Attorney General by CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, MATTHEW SMITH. (Clopper, John) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/26/2019	<u>7</u>	AFFIDAVIT of Mailing of Summons and Complaint to U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia by CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, MATTHEW SMITH. (Clopper, John) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/26/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/18/2019. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/18/2019.) RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 6/18/2019. RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 6/20/2019. (See docket entries <u>5</u> <u>6</u> and <u>7</u> to view document). (tth) (Entered: 06/28/2019)
07/18/2019	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Darrell C. Valdez on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
07/18/2019	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
07/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court are a Complaint and an Answer in this FOIA case. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report proposing a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule should address, among other things, the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, and a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if required. The parties shall file the schedule on or before August 30, 2019. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/19/2019. (lctnm2) (Entered: 07/19/2019)